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Calvin Piels delivers sandbags in downtown Minden April 26. Volunteers have come out to deliver thousands of sandbags as the flood waters rise. *Photo by Joseph Quigley.*

Minden hopes worst of flooding is over

By Lisa Gervais and Joseph Quigley

As rain continues to fall over Minden, Kirsten Monk and Barry Cray remain confident they'll stay dry and weather the flood of 2019.

Following flooding two springs ago, the owners of Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home spent more than \$50,000 flood-proofing

their home on Bobcaygeon Road, adjacent to the Gull River.

They hoped it would protect the property in the event of another one-in-a-hundred-year flood. However, they've now seen three of those in six years.

"It's amazing," says Monk of the work they did with an engineer and builder. They have two concrete reservoirs that the water

is drawn into via O pipes.

The system means the couple has only had to lay a few hundred sandbags this year, compared to 12,000 in 2017.

"It's amazing to actually see it work. I feel very secure in what we've done," Monk said.

Not everyone in the town of Minden Hills has been so fortunate.

So far, there has been only one self-evacuation that the township knows of, but water has crept into homes and numerous roads remain closed.

The latest water level management update, issued Tuesday, called for a five-day weather forecast predicting another heavy and widespread rain event with totals as high as 55 mm of precipitation.

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Rain expected to continue

Continued from page 1

“Water levels and flows remain high in northern areas. Most lake levels on the Gull River system are above full and expected to increase as a result of the forecasted rain amounts,” the statement said.

Mayor Brent Devolin told *The Highlander* Tuesday, “We need to watch the 35-55 mm of rain in the next three days.”

He said the levels in Minden may rise again, but probably not to the 271.6 peak levels of last week.

Nonetheless, he advises, “Leave sand bagging in place till the declaration is ended.”

Flood warning remains in effect

Much of the preparation took place last week with sandbagging operations producing more than 10,000 bags. The Minden Food Bank was on site at the arena providing meals to volunteers. They have since ceased and are now back at the centre on Newcastle Street.

Marilyn Lesperance came out of retirement to lead her team. “I have the experience and I knew what had to be done. It’s just not in my DNA to stop when somebody’s in need,” she said. “I have an incredible team of volunteers that work with me.”

“We live in a pretty caring community,” Devolin added. “It’s just amazing the people that come out and support. We have people that can’t come and help out physically that were buying sandbags on Amazon and having them delivered to our municipality property. It’s unbelievable.”

Gary Johnson volunteered, helping to bag sand as part of the Algonquin Highlands Fire Department.

“It’s great to have people like this in your community,” Johnson said of the volunteer efforts. “It’s good that they’re organized in what they’re doing ... it’s unfortunate that we’re having to do this (but) people, they know we

have to do something.”

Devolin said the past three floods have hit the community hard, both financially and mentally.

“It takes a toll emotionally on people, mental health. ‘Not again,’ I can see it in them,” Devolin said. “I’m talking as an individual, not as a mayor. I’ve seen my friends and neighbours on my street and do I think it has some of the elements of PTSD effect on their well-being? Yes, it does.”

Lesperance said the 2017 flood has helped people prepare for this one and relief efforts have been much better organized. She called the volunteering “phenomenal.”

More could be done

But Monk and Cray aren’t convinced everything’s been done that could be done.

They spent the money to put value back into their business but also because, “We can’t keep living our lives the way we’ve been living every time this happens.”

They weren’t covered by insurance in 2013, and while covered in 2017 paid a \$10,000 deductible. Another flood such as this one would have brought a \$50,000 deductible. They remortgaged to do the flood-proofing.

“Until the powers that be do the right thing, no one is safe,” Monk said, pointing a finger at Trent-Severn Waterway management.

Cray added, “nothing’s been done from 2013 to change the infrastructure of this town, to prevent what’s happening.”

Monk said they’d prefer \$12.5 million not be spent on the arena renewal. “They could still upgrade the arena at a reasonable cost and there would be an awful lot of money to protect people on Invergordon Avenue, Anson, Prince etc.,” she said.



Kirsten Monk and Barry Cray have spent more than \$50,000 flood-proofing their home on Bobcaygeon Road in Minden. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

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Francis Thomas Contracting has ministry approval for its spreading field. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Council gives green light to Minden septage field

By Lisa Gervais

Minden Hills Council, by a narrow vote of 4-3, approved planning amendments to allow Francis Thomas Contracting (FTC) to use its new septage spreading field in the township.

Councillors Jennifer Hughey, Jean Neville and Pam Sayne voted against, while Mayor Brent Devolin, Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell, and Councillors Bob Carter and Ron Nesbitt were in favour at the April 25 meeting.

Approval was for a rezoning and Official Plan (OP) amendments. The OP change must now go to the County of Haliburton. FTC already has approval from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP).

FTC controller Joe Cox told *The Highlander* the company was relieved at the outcome.

However, while the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) allowed the company to begin using the field as of May 1, it will hold off pending better conditions.

"We've still got a few weeks to go before we can really do much of anything," Cox said on Monday.

Cox said half-load restrictions on roads means their driver would have to dump every time he pumps out a septic or holding tank. Further, he said the road going into the site is soft.

The field is located at 866 Bobcaygeon Rd., about 4 kilometres northwest of the village.

The MECP has placed 33 conditions in the ECA, and the license is only for two years.

At the council meeting, Councillors Carter, Sayne and Neville expressed concern.

Sayne said she thought the MECP had not

factored in flood conditions when doing its assessment of the site. She was worried about the effect on neighbouring wells and the municipal drinking water system.

Neville is worried about the impact on human health, both for FTC's employees but also the neighbours. She talked about air-borne contaminants.

"I'd like to know where the Ministry of Health is in this process," she said. A former health care worker, she described the stringent conditions she worked under. Here, she said it's a case of "spreading, spraying, dumping hundreds of thousands of litres of things such as feces, urine, blood."

Carter admitted he was "conflicted" and called for a 10-minute recess before the vote. He said he felt FTC had followed the law but had concerns about the MECP's process. He also wondered what they will be testing for in wells at the site. He wanted council to consider a provisional change to the bylaw and OP.

Planner Ian Clendening said if council were to make such amendments or vote down the planning changes it opened the township to an appeal. Ultimately, he said the MECP took precedence on the matter. He added that Sayne's concerns were not a recognized threat by the MECP.

"In the end, they [MECP] hold the hammer and will do what they want," Mayor Brent Devolin said. He added "I think the due diligence is done."

Cox said FTC planned to be a good neighbour.

"From my mind, obviously we want to do the right thing ... even saying that May 1 we're allowed to spread on the field but knowingly we would be holding off until better or more conditions exist."

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County news

Anxiety over ambulance service amalgamation

County staff expressed concern over the province pushing to amalgamate ambulance services.

The province is considering merging the 59 municipal ambulance operators into 10 regional ones.

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has said paramedics will not lose jobs but said it is too early to provide details around other figures.

Rutter said it is uncertain what the impact of this will be but added it could mean the county has less control over ambulance costs.

"The risk for all of us is our price for land ambulance is going to go up dramatically," Rutter said. "We're not going to find anyone providing services in as cost-effective a way as we do."

The county's ambulance costs per household are \$238 according to an auditor's report. The report said this is less than all of its closest comparable municipalities.

County studies development charges

The county is planning to study implementing development charges.

Council approved a motion April 24 to issue a request for proposal for a development charges background study and to have the study be completed in 2019. The study is legally mandatory to start implementing the charges, which are placed on builders for new developments to offset the cost of increased municipal services due to population growth.

None of Haliburton's municipalities currently have the charges but Coun. Andrea Roberts said the cost of services keep going up.

"Landfills cost more, ambulance costs more," Roberts said. "There's all the other services a municipality provides."

Municipalities can fine-tune the charges so that they are different across separate areas.



County council voted unanimously April 24 to move ahead with a study to implement development charges. Photo by Joseph Quigley

Council also voted to direct staff to seek collaboration with local municipalities on the matter. The county has allotted \$50,000 in its budget to complete the study.

Coun. Carol Moffatt said the charges will likely be contentious.

"People think they don't get any services for their taxes now," she said.

Deputy warden Dave Burton said they could do the study and make a final decision on the charges later.

"We'll have time to debate whether we're going to do anything or what the price is going to be," he said.

County eyes more collaboration

Council agreed to fund staff efforts to

research new ways for Haliburton's municipalities to collaborate.

Council approved a \$10,000 allotment for staff to continue the research, taken from a \$725,000 provincial grant for municipal efficiency.

Chief administrative officer Mike Rutter said he met with other CAOs in the county to talk about the issue.

"There was lots of really positive conversations," Rutter said. "Sharing ideas of more collaboration."

Coun. Carol Moffatt said it is a first step toward a larger talk about governance and possibly amalgamation. But she added people should keep in mind it will be a long process.

"It's slow going. There's people who do believe that amalgamation is absolutely the

best outcome and it can happen within a year and neither of those are true," she said. "We just need to take it piece by piece."

Staff are scheduled to deliver a report on new collaborations at the June 26 council meeting.

County gets clean audit

Council received a report on a clean audit of county finances from KPMG LLP during its April 24 meeting.

The auditor found the county's financial statements present its financial position fairly.

"Thank you to our treasurer and CAO and department heads," Coun. Brent Devolin said. "We have confidence in what you're doing for us."

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Thank you very much for the coverage of the Minden Community Food Centre in this week's paper. I know the Highlander is Minden's most popular paper and we really appreciate the articles during our flood relief efforts.

Thank you, Marilynne Lesperance

Highlander news



Shorelines are coming under increased scrutiny as the county is pushing forward a new shoreline bylaw. *File.*

County moves to protect shoreline degradation

By Joseph Quigley

The county is advancing a new bylaw to protect natural shorelines within 30 metres of the high-water mark.

Council received a report on the new bylaw during its April 26 meeting. The bylaw incorporates the existing Shoreline Tree Preservation Bylaw plus regulations for protecting native species.

Staff said in a report the goals of the bylaw are to prevent further natural shoreline loss and increase ecological health.

“The benefits of having the by-law in

place at the County include consistency of regulation across the County and consistency in shoreline development/protection review and enforcement,” director of planning Charsley White said in a report.

The proposed bylaw would also regulate site alteration within 30 metres of the shore. Coun. Carol Moffatt said she has received questions about what options people would have to modify existing structures within that range.

White replied people would be required to provide staff with a plan to ensure development is not disruptive.

“What we want to help control is the degradation of the shoreline,” White said. “Making sure it’s done in a natural way.”

Coun. Andrea Roberts said she expects most people will comply.

“It’s not a big administrative cash grab for everybody. We’re just trying to say these are the guidelines,” she said.

Council decided not to add any regulations on pesticides and fertilizers within the bylaw. There is also no prohibition on activities on shorelines, all of which were considered earlier in the process.

Council also voted to direct staff to speak to lower-tier councils and seek resolutions

of support. Public consultations are expected to take place between June and August.

The county has budgeted \$50,000 for implementing, review and enforcement of the bylaw this year, with an estimated cost of \$120,000 annually after that.

Coun. Cec Ryall said the bylaw is a starting point.

“It’s not the perfect solution. It’s not the end,” Ryall said. “It’s the beginning of a revolutionary program that’s going to keep going.”

Community Improvement Plan for Minden

Consultant Stephanie Bergman of Stantec said there’s plenty that’s working but still room for improvement in Minden Hills.

In a presentation to the April 25 council meeting, Bergman said the downtown needs a facelift; there are vacant buildings and properties; a lack of rental housing options; the need for better promotion as the gateway for Highway 35; and a disconnect between the north and south as it is cut in two by the Gull River.

She showed images of other towns and city’s that had done a Community Improvement Plan (CIP), including before and after photos of Gravenhurst.

Next steps will include council feedback, additional public consultation, a draft CIP and statutory public meeting before council

adopts a CIP bylaw and then starting to implement the CIP.

Mayor Brent Devolin said it had been a multi-year journey to get to this point. “The next step is for us to go through it with a critical eye.”

EORN update

Devolin, who now sits on the board of the Eastern Ontario Regional Network, reported back from its April 18 meeting.

He noted the province has committed \$71M for internet improvement in rural and regional Ontario. He noted federally-announced funding has now sat dormant for two years.

“Every piece is done but one and that’s for the feds to approve it,” he said.

He is concerned that the federal government is approaching lame duck status in June and hopes the spend is

approved before then. Otherwise, he fears it will be delayed another 18 months.

He said Haliburton County will be the biggest beneficiary, so EORN is lobbying hard.

Arena costs query

Coun. Bob Carter disagreed with staff’s recommendation to waive building fees, permit fees and landfill tipping costs for the Minden Community Centre refurbishment.

He argued that in the spirit of true transparency, the costs should be added to the community services’ department budget for the project.

“I want to see what the true cost is, not spread throughout the budget,”

he said. Coun. Pam Sayne agreed.

CAO and treasurer Lorrie Blanchard said she could make the change however, “how are we going to finance that?”

Coun. Jean Neville said she was fine with the waiving of fees, saying it was the township practice to date.

Devolin broke a tie vote for maintaining the status quo and waiving the fees. (Compiled by Lisa Gervais)

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County chasing transport unicorn

The County of Haliburton has decided to wait and hope rather than do anything substantial on transportation.

After the end of the transportation task force and the hiatus of the volunteer Rural Transportation Options, the county's anticipated decision on transportation April 24 was to not make a decision. To keep its \$50,000 in budgeted funding parked, perhaps to build a transportation reserve. To keep monitoring options. To discuss the issue later, for the next budget.

To hope a unicorn, perhaps carrying a cartload of money, comes by.

After years of consultations, meetings, efforts by volunteers and spending more than \$46,000 on an implementation plan, this decision is lacklustre. The county awaits better options, possibly with funding raining down from upper governments.

But people have been waiting for the county to arrive on transportation for years. Volunteers have put in countless hours trying to make it happen. After all of that, we are still left waiting, with no clear direction forward.

No councillor wanted to come out and outright say the initiative should be killed, even if that was what was already happening. Such a quote would be unpopular but it would probably be more

honest.

No will to act, no will not to act. Council sees a fork in the road and keeps trying to go between it.

Council might think at least now there is money set aside. That is good, but it begs the question of why such a thing did not start years ago, so money could be on hand when an implementation plan was completed.

Meanwhile, the implementation plan made by a consultant was not worth what it cost. Council does not seem to care for going forward with it. This roadmap toward a transportation system this year is shelved, where it will collect dust.

Nobody on council questioned how this money got spent on a plan which appears doomed to go unused. Coun. Andrea Roberts said a transportation system needs to be door-to-door for the county, which this proposed system was not. But if that was the necessity, why was that not a mandate for the RFP? Hindsight is 20/20 but something went wrong here and likely wasted money.

There is some irony in the council professing to need upper-level funding when they have not pursued what funding is available. The county spurned a chance to get \$500,000 over five years for

transportation, afraid of the five-year commitment it would take.

A last-ditch proposal from the transportation task force to suggest applying for a grant through the Ontario Labour Market Partnerships program did not garner a word from councillors.

What, exactly, does this unicorn grant look like? Is it going to be more than \$500,000? Does council think after upper government have spent years, if not decades, neglecting this issue, they will suddenly swoop in? When will the right time come?

In fairness, there are no easy solutions to rural transportation. It is costly and it is not fair to lay it all on the municipal level. Finding a viable system that would completely work for the whole county is difficult.

But the county is playing a tired song pretending there will be better opportunities later. They should learn from history or they will be forever chasing unicorns.



By Joseph Quigley

Party like it's 1999

They say that you are only as old as you feel and I have no issue with that. The source of my consternation is the time at which I am meant to gauge how I feel, so calculating how old I am. You see, I have a tendency to feel achy and stiff when I get up in the morning, and I feel tired and cranky after a hard day's work. Hence, I feel old. However, somewhere in the middle of the day I usually feel a million dollars; young, strong, spritely even. I feel like I'm 25, even though this weekend past I had a birthday that put me at exactly twice that age.

At my birthday party, various folks patted me on the back, and, being concerned about my lengthening years, enquired about my age.

"What's it like being an ol' timer?"

"Should we get you a cane?"

"Need me to get you a beer, you old B#@%&*?"

For the most part, I pretended that my growing age had affected my hearing and I ignored them. But when pressed, I gave the answer that 'I felt great.' And I did.

Actually, as the evening wore on, I felt better and better and by midnight I was cruising along just like when I actually was 25. This being 50 is a breeze, I thought. Big old party, loads of mates, music, bonfire, booze ... I'm invincible. I could do this forever.

Then came the morning after and the afternoon after and now, as I write this, the evening after, during all of which I have felt, how shall I put it? Somewhat under the weather. Terrible, in fact. Hungover from groggy head to achy toe. I feel like what I imagine it feels like to be a hard living 80-year-old.

You're as old as you feel, remember ...

T'is as if my mind and body worked together, ganged up on me and made me have a great time at my birthday party, just so that they could let me know what I have down the road if I don't whoa up and start to look after myself.

I can't imagine feeling like I do at this moment all the time, it would be hell. And so, as of now, I am not touching another drop of alcohol.

The Outsider



By Will Jones

Well, er not after I have finished the three bottles of scotch, four bottles of wine and the case of beer that my obviously incredibly cruel friends bought me for my birthday. It would be a shame to waste them, after all. But, after I've drank them, I'm all done with the booze, for good.

Oh, but wait, we have a buddy's 40th birthday bash coming up soon and that's gonna' be one hell of a do. Maybe I'll see how I feel after that one. Then, if I feel as terrible as I do now, I'll know that this time was not an anomaly. Wouldn't want to make a life-changing decision without making that list, and checking it twice would I?

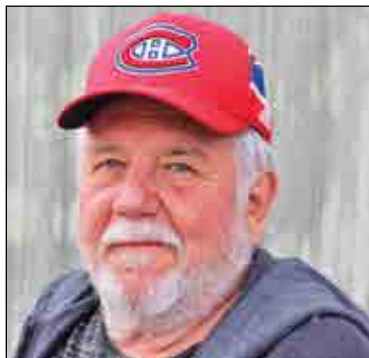
In the meantime, while convalescing with a can of Coke and a couple of aspirin, I can safely say that I am as old as I feel, or I feel as old as I am. But, ask me again tomorrow at around midday and I'll probably be feeling 25 again, hopefully, if I'm lucky, please ...



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Editorial opinion

Eye on the street: How do you think the county is handling transportation? *by Joseph Quigley*



Luke Allen

Haliburton

"Transportation can be tough, especially when the budget can be limited. It's not being handled as proper as it should be."



Byron Lott

Haliburton

"I find it seriously lacking. Being on a fixed income and not able to drive, I'm stuck here."



Christen Spencer

Haliburton

"There's no local transit that's really affordable. If you don't drive it's expensive and even if you do drive, it's expensive."



Jim Bray

Haliburton

"They have blown a \$50,000 consultant fee with no good end results. I don't think they need a consultant; they should do their job."



Carol Stamp

Haliburton

"It hasn't been handled, has it? It has to be something we have to look at."

LETTERS

Hockey all stars

Dear editor,

Congratulations to all of the All Stars featured each week in *The Highlander*. You have a lot to be proud of! We wait every Thursday to read the profiles of these young athletes and congratulate the profilers for great positive reinforcements of the players' assets and skills. Can't wait for next season.

The Gallaghers

Toronto (cottage on Gull Lake)

Laurie Scott has really outdone herself

Dear editor,

In a visit to this part of her riding, our MPP sank to a new low by sneaking in the back door to a Haliburton restaurant in order to avoid a peaceful protest out front.

She snuck in the back door to avoid constituents with concerns. Let that sink in.

Inside the restaurant, she met with members of the Chamber of Commerce. To this audience, she said "We want to hear from all of

you." What she meant was that she wants to hear from her supporters.

She doesn't want to hear from those with questions. She doesn't want to have to answer for her government's slash and burn tactics. She doesn't want to don her phoney smile for the riff-raff on the front steps.

Sneaking in the back door is proof of this. She should be ashamed of this display of cowardice. She should be ashamed of how poorly she is performing her job as our representative.

Russ Duhaime
Minden Hills

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Jere Pike submitted this photo, which he has entitled 'The mystic of freezing fog in the Haliburton Highlands.' He snapped it at sunrise a few weeks ago.

Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County formed

By Bonnie Roe

"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about." Margaret J. Wheatley

In the wake of gross political upheaval, severe cutbacks and the erosion of key institutions that should be our safety net as citizens of Ontario, the above quote bears more weight every day.

In January, 2019, the Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County (CCHC) was formed to bring together individuals of like mind and passion, who felt the need to express our concerns as a collective voice to try and make a positive impact in our community.

The overall goals of CCHC are to identify and promote awareness about issues of major concern that affect our community, undertake actions that are constructive and achievable, engage the public, businesses, municipalities and media in open dialogue and positive outcomes, demand accountability from our elected representatives and collaborate with and support like-minded organizations to avoid unnecessary duplication.

During our first meeting, the following top four priorities were identified. Over the past three months, we're pleased with the energy

and commitment within our group and the actions we have accomplished to date.

1. Environment - Climate Change Mitigation/Adaptation - Our first action was to form a working group that created a plan to take a delegation to all four municipal councils, requesting they no longer allow plastic water bottles to be purchased or used by staff in their offices, or at events. As part of our research, we invited Coun. Pam Sayne to attend a meeting to offer strategies on how best to approach councils. And next, Ray Letheren and his team from the Blue Bayfield Group shared their experiences. This action has currently been put on hold since learning of Haliburton County Council's commitment to create a Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Plan. We attended the ULinks Research Celebration and later received a copy of the Plastic Reduction Challenge paper prepared for Dysart by the Fleming College Sustainable Waste Management Program.

We have begun a campaign to reduce single use plastics. We sent a letter to the Haliburton BIA and will be approaching businesses in all of our communities in the near future to learn about their challenges and successes. Some members of our

group have attended several Environment and/or Climate Action Committees to apprise ourselves of their goals. We are investigating what happens to the shrink wrap of thousands of boats once discarded.

2. Accountability of our Politicians - We requested a meeting with Laurie Scott, MPP and three members met her April 25. As time was limited, we expressed our concerns on the impacts both locally and provincially of the drastic cutbacks in health care, education and the need for climate action solutions, (plus the recent library, paramedic cutbacks and potential job losses, to name a few). Numerous letters to the editor have been written by our members expressing their concerns. We were emphatic that her constituents need to feel that their voices are being heard and see that she is working at Queen's Park on behalf of all citizens in her riding.

We organized and participated in the community demonstration regarding the drastic cutbacks of the Ford government, outside McKecks, at the Chamber of Commerce April 23, attended by Scott. We felt it was important to bring individuals together as a collective voice to greet her respectfully and peacefully. She, however, chose to enter by the back door rather than

greet her constituents.

3. Social Justice - We continue to support initiatives that could provide an improved quality of life for citizens such as increasing the minimum wage and the current class-action lawsuit to reinstate the Basic Income Pilot Project and the broken contracts the Ford government made with 4,000 Ontarians. Several of our members in the past supported our neighbours in Lindsay at their BIPP Rally last summer and at a recent meeting in Peterborough.

4. Youth Engagement - Our group was pleased to stand with and support Jürgen Shantz and other students and adults in the four demonstrations held in front of the Dysart municipal building for 'Climate Action NOW,' #fridaysforfuture and #studentstrikeforclimateaction. We have reached out to all of the local schools to engage interest in the importance of climate action and social justice with our youth.

Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County, believe, that Dianne Saxe, the past environmental commissioner of Ontario, sums up succinctly one of our group's guiding principles. "No one can do everything, but everyone can do something."

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Laurent Joncas and Dave Roberts of the Bob Lake Association talk to council April 25. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Plan B for Bob Lake boat launch

By Lisa Gervais

The Bob Lake Association (BLA) came to the April 25 Minden Hills council meeting asking politicians to reopen the discussion about a possible public boat launch on the lake.

Dave Roberts and Laurent Joncas made a presentation.

They said the BLA have located what they think is a suitable site although there are complications.

Their proposed site is on the northeast corner of the same dam property that the historical launch was on. It was closed because the private owner was worried about liability.

Roberts and Joncas said an estimated five acres would have to be severed from

a 54-acre property for a launch. Access would be from Bob Lake Road, to Loggers Crossing Lane, then it would require 900-feet of newly-constructed road.

They said the landowner was initially amenable to their plans but has now backed off and they've had no contact. They asked if the township would consider expropriating the land. They further provided a cost estimate of all the work required to re-establish a launch at just under \$150K, including a \$24K contingency.

They're proposing the money come from municipal tax dollars, a shoreline road allowance reserve account and a special tax levy.

They also called on council to establish a joint task force to move the portfolio

forward.

Mayor Brent Devolin said the issue has been "complex" and the BLA had given council "lots to digest." He said there would be a follow-up report from staff.

Coun. Bob Carter suggested the association buy the land and own the boat launch, but the BLA said that isn't what they want to do, nor is the land for sale.

It was suggested the township talk to the landowner.

Coun. Pam Sayne wanted a task force struck to immediately deal with the issue, saying the lack of a public boat launch at the site had been going on for too long and she felt council was partially responsible for the issue. Devolin responded that he disagreed with Sayne about responsibility.

Algonquin Highlands news

Dallas Latanville is the new coordinator at the Stanhope Municipal Airport.

At the April 18 Algonquin Highlands council meeting, it was announced that the resident of Algonquin Highlands joined the team on Tuesday, April 23.

Operations manager Adam Thorn told *The Highlander*, "Dallas is a former incident commander/crew leader with the Aviation Forest Fire and Emergency Services in Haliburton."

He said he had 15 years of progressive experience.

"Dallas is well versed in aircraft safety and airside operations and has some great ideas with respect to marketing our municipal airport," Thorn said.

Brian Nicholson had been interim airport coordinator, assisting with day-to-day operations until the full-time co-ordinator was hired.

Thorn said that reporting to the operations manager, the airport coordinator conducts all day-to-day aspects of airfield operations to the satisfaction of the township and in

accordance with Transport Canada and Canadian Aviation Regulations. The airport coordinator is also responsible for the overall promotion and marketing of the airport.

"I am confident Dallas will be a valuable addition as our new airport coordinator and I look forward to working alongside Dallas promoting the growth of the airport," Thorn said.

Cam Loucks resigned from the position last summer. (Lisa Gervais)

Highlander business

Walker's Home Hardware big reveal next Monday

By Joseph Quigley

Four years in the making, the new Home Hardware store in Haliburton is nearly ready to open its doors.

Walker's Home Hardware is hosting a preview night May 6, with the store open for shoppers the next morning. The new location on County Road 21 is 16,000 square feet on a four-and-a-half acre property, with increased parking, more floor space and a garden and outdoor centre.

Co-owner Dale Walker said the community support for the development has been overwhelming.

"We get 50 questions a day but it's all good," Walker said. "They're looking forward to an improved shopping experience, better parking. We're looking for better efficiencies in our work, more products to offer the customers."

The development had its challenges, Walker said. The first phase of the project began in 2017 but hit a year-long snag with the county over a requirement to build a left-turn lane, which the two sides ultimately settled by splitting the costs.

"With any commercial building, there's challenges, so we've worked through them," Walker said. "We like to think we're on the home stretch."

New store manager Brian Nelson says it has been hectic getting the new store ready for customers.

"It's a big transition. The team is



Home Hardware co-owner Jerry Walker stands in front of his new store on County Road 21. It is nearing completion and is set to open May 7. Photo by Joseph Quigley

going from an older building with a lot of challenges to a big, bright, modern building," Nelson said. "It's very exciting and we want to satisfy the customer. Ultimately, that's the goal."

To help do that, Home Hardware is hosting a preview night, which will offer

the public a chance to wine-and-dine inside the new building. Tickets are \$20 for the non-shopping event, with all funds raised going toward the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.

"We wanted to do that to support the hospital," Walker said. "Without asking for

them to buy something. We hope there will be a great crowd and they'll come out and enjoy the evening."

The preview night begins at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available at Walker's Home Hardware and the Haliburton Highlands Health Services office.

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Highlander business

Medical cannabis clinic opening in Haliburton

By Joseph Quigley

Capturing Eden owner Stephen Barber said he wants to help a community grappling with opioid use with his new medical cannabis assessment clinic opening Saturday.

The store is located on 192 Highland St. It will have medical staff to provide the necessary assessment to get medical cannabis. The location will also feature a full line of hemp products but will sell no cannabis on site.

Barber said he chose Haliburton as the first location for a planned line of stores due to its high rate of opioid use. A 2016 study from the Ontario Drug Policy Research Network found in 2015, Haliburton County had the second highest rate of opioid users in the province.

"Many individuals are curious about augmenting their current care needs with cannabis or actually trying to stop addictions, such as opioids," Barber said. "People currently in Haliburton are travelling 1.5 to two hours just to get medical cannabis assessments."

"We want to make a point to become an integral part of the community," he added.

Barber said the clinic will have two full-time and two part-time staff to start, although he hopes the business can grow to add more. Medical staff will offer the assessments, with those who qualify being directed to a licenced cannabis provider to get the product.

A pharmacist will also be available to help clients learn how to use the product properly, Barber said.

"We know that they are underserved

already because they have a lack of physicians to be able to go for advice or to find a proper substance," Barber said. "This way they can come right to us and look to discuss their needs."

The hemp products include medications and soaps.

Recreational cannabis on the horizon

Barber said he also plans to sell recreational cannabis once the province allows it. At present, it has been regulated that until there are more than 25 retail store authorizations in Ontario in municipalities with more than 50,000 people, none may be issued in places with less than that.

Barber said he renovated the building in a way to meet the requirements for recreational cannabis. But he added he wants to build a reputation before pursuing it.

"We would like to develop a relationship not only with the citizens of the area but with the community as a whole," Barber said. "Once we've established our roots there and our credibility, then we would look at that."

Barber said he presented before Dysart council about the store. Mayor Andrea Roberts said the store did not need any new zoning approvals and council wishes the owners well.

Barber said cannabis is beneficial to help treat some conditions and relieve pain.

"It is not addictive as per opioids. That's why in an opioid over abuse area, cannabis is a good alternative because it actually helps people wean themselves off of opioids," Barber said.

"We truly plan to help the community," Barber said.



Capturing Eden, a medical cannabis assessment clinic, is opening in Haliburton on Highland Street May 4. Owner Stephen Barber said he hopes the business can help reduce opioid abuse in the county. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

Boshkung Brewing expanding both locations this year

By Lisa Gervais

Boshkung Brewing's Terri Mathews said they'd like to install a food truck or trailer at Boshkung Social on Water Street in Minden but want the township to first amend its bylaw.

Mathews, appearing at an April 25 Minden Hills council meeting, said they'd invested more than \$250,000 in the business and have had two successful seasons, with a third coming up.

"We believe we have brought numerous customers into the downtown core and created a great deal of excitement in Minden," she said. She added they have a social media following of more than 20,000 and "happily" post about #myhaliburtonhighlands on a regular basis.

However, she said they have limited space in the location and have been unable to add a kitchen. Last season, they had a tent set up serving hot food as well as cold snacks. However, she said the situation was not always ideal as weather could be dangerous for staff.

"We would like to install a food truck or trailer to use for the summer months only."

However, she said the bylaw presently is that you must get permission from any other food service provider within 1,000 feet. She

said her research has found that Algonquin Highlands has no such requirement and Dysart et al requires a 30m setback from another food service provider.

"We would like to ask that this bylaw be amended to read 100 feet instead of the current 1,000 feet," she said.

Mathews told councillors the bylaw was "a little bit out of whack" and "definitely different." She said she even wondered if there had been a typo. She added they wanted to open something in good taste and "not have to get permission from the entire town of Minden."

She added that they hoped to one day take over the LCBO building on Water Street.

Mayor Brent Devolin said it was a 17-year-old bylaw. He said he did not know the logic behind the 1,000 feet but that the intent of bylaws is always to treat everybody fairly. He said there would be a report from staff coming back to council.

Earlier this year, the company announced on its Facebook page that long-time Haliburton County cottagers John Watts and Jost Rittershaus have purchased an interest in Boshkung Brewing Co.

"The addition of these dynamic men will allow Boshkung to increase job creation and guide the company to greater growth and prosperity," the post said. It added, "We are

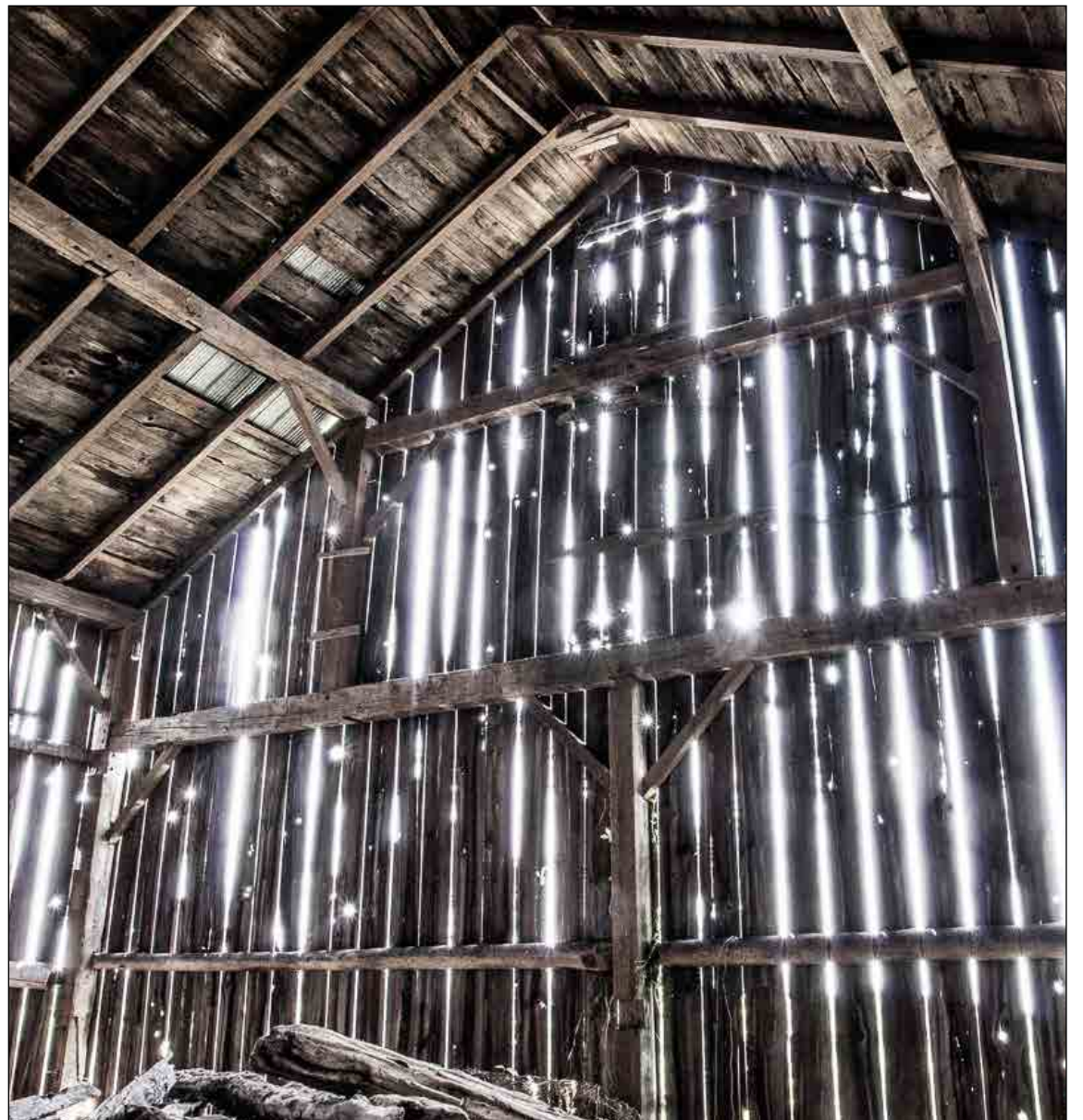


Boshkung Social on Water Street in Minden is hoping to add a food truck or food trailer this year. File photo.

currently expanding both locations which will be finished this spring. We are adding new brew systems, retail space and tasting

rooms to both locations and we will now be able to sell retail beer out of the new brewery in Minden, at 20 Water Street."

Highlander arts



Camera club photographs barns

The Haliburton Highlands Camera Club's latest competition challenged the photographers to shoot 'barns.' Winners were: Top: first advanced, 'Killara Station' by Fred Pyziak; Left: first intermediate 'In the Hill' by Larry Murphy and right: first novice 'Light' by Brian Mould. The club meets the third Wednesday of every month, alternating between Minden and Haliburton. It's free to attend and everyone is welcome. See highlandscameraclub.ca for details.

Highlander health



Volunteer driver Gord Woodman demonstrates how to use the wheelchair lift while Stephanie MacLaren and Lisa Tompkins check out the new van. *Submitted photo.*

HHHS clients welcome new accessible vehicle

By Lisa Gervais

With demand for its existing van skyrocketing over the past year, the Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) has welcomed the recent arrival of a new accessible vehicle.

HHHS was able to get the new Dodge van, that seats seven people plus two wheelchairs, thanks in part to funding from the Central East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) and Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.

Stephanie MacLaren, VP, community

programs said the van will help Community Support Services to meet the growing need for medically-related transportation. This includes group travel to regional dialysis, adult day and mental health programming. She added it will be instrumental in addressing transportation needs for the Haliburton County Youth Hub.

"Transportation is such a challenge in rural communities such as ours," MacLaren said.

With ever-increasing demand, she added, "We are very pleased to be able to better address the needs of our community.

Through transportation programs such as ours, clients are able to attend programming that not only supports them with their medical needs but also helps to reduce isolation and provide respite to caregivers."

She said HHHS hopes to be able to continue to grow this component of their programming.

Foundation executive director Lisa Tompkins was on hand to welcome the van.

"Being able to attend medical appointments and supportive programs is a key component of the health and wellness journey for so many, and the Foundation

is pleased to be able to support HHHS' delivery of service with the addition of this accessible van," she said.

Through a combination of the volunteer driving program and the accessible van, the HHHS transportation program provided 13,500 rides to 545 residents of Haliburton County over the past year.

The program is offered to adults over 55 years of age and adults 18 years or older with a disability. Client fees apply. Call the HHHS transportation coordinator at 705-457-2941 for more information.

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Council Meetings

Public Welcome

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May 9 - Committee of the Whole Meeting
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Note: Council meetings are reduced to one (1) for the months of July, August and December

Arena Renewal - Tender Opportunities

The Township of Minden Hills has retained MacDonald Brothers Construction as the Design Builder for the Arena Renewal project. Those interested in submitting a bid(s) for any of the related components of the project, please visit the MBC Tender Portal, available on the Township's website at www.mindenhills.ca/s-g-nesbitt-memorial-arena-renewal/

Notice of Public Meeting

Please take Notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting on Thursday May 9, 2019, during its Committee of the Whole Meeting, regarding proposed changes to its Fees and Charges Bylaw. The meeting will commence at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON.

Please visit www.mindenhills.ca to view the proposed schedules and fee changes.

The Township would like to invite you to take an Online Survey as part of our ongoing Community Improvement Plan (CIP).

The CIP provides a framework for encouraging physical improvements to private buildings and properties within the community, supporting existing businesses and economic development opportunities, and attracting more residents and visitors into the village.

We have developed several proposed funding programs as part of the CIP and want your feedback! Whether you are a full-time resident, seasonal cottager, occasional visitor, or business owner, please take a moment to visit the link below and take the survey.

Your feedback will be used in preparing the final CIP and will be shared with Council as they move forward in implementing the CIP.

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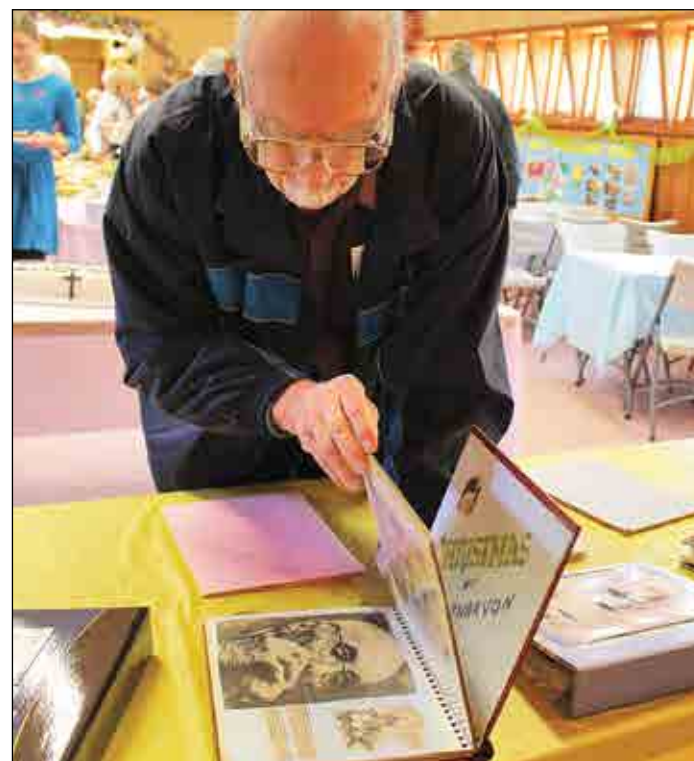
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For alternate formats of the survey, please contact a member of the project team above.

Highlander community



Left: The choir performs during the closing of Zion United Church on Sunday, April 28. Right: Fred Gregory looks at photo albums spanning the life of Zion United Church at a lunch in the Christian Education Building. Photos by Lisa Gervais.

Bidding farewell to a 127-year-old place of worship

By Lisa Gervais

Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt said it was a bittersweet day of mixed emotions as Zion United Church in Carnarvon closed its doors forever Sunday after a nearly 128-year life.

The church is amalgamating with the Highlands Hills Pastoral Charge in Minden.

The charge held a 90-minute joint service April 28 to mark the historic closing, followed by a lunch in the Christian Education Building.

During a Litany of Thanksgiving, symbols of the life of the church were presented in one of the most moving parts of the service.

Parishioner Joan Chapple was a living symbol. Her grandfather, A.W. Moore, was a member of the committee appointed to build the church. He was also one of the first trustees. His mother's home was used for a social fundraiser and he helped to

move logs from Gelert to build the church, that was dedicated on Sunday, Sept. 30, 1891.

Like Chapple, many in the church and education building had had a long association with the place of worship on Highway 35N at East Road. There were choir members who'd sung in the church - known as the Singing Church - for 70 years. There were former Sunday school teachers and Boy Scout leaders. There were council members, past and present, United Church Women and the faithful.

Property committee chair Barb Walford-Davis laid a hammer, saw and nails as part of the symbol-laying. She was credited with having "treated this building as if it were her second home."

Sunday school teacher, Barbara Braker, took people down memory lane, to a time when there was no paved highway, lots of

trees, no cars, only horses and buggies, with few inhabitants. "They decided to build a house on this spot to gather together, to come together like we are now as a family. We take our memories with us as we continue our journey with Highlands Hills United Church," she said.

Moffatt said those forefathers of that first Methodist Church in Carnarvon would be thrilled their church was still standing after nearly 128 years but saddened by the day as well.

She noted the long history, not just as a church, but a place for gatherings, entertainment, weddings, baptisms and funerals, not to mention the United Church Women serving "no end of tea" and pies. She talked about how the church had survived the great fire of 1952 following a lightning strike.

The land is being severed so the church

and hall can be sold while the township will maintain the cemetery. Moffatt added that Zion would become part of a future exhibition at the Stanhope Museum.

Licensed lay worship leader, Debbie Sherwin, said "for many of us, Zion had been a faith community house for many years."

Rev. Max Ward said decreasing resources, both financial and human, had led to change. He talked about increasing upkeep costs for an aging building. He said some parishes do not address their problems "but you are not a congregation that refuses to change."

He said change is not easy and brings anxiety, fear, loss, grief and pain. However, he encouraged the Zion parishioners to have faith and to pray. Like any new relationship, he said "it will take time, energy, presence, commitment and faith."

New Canoe FM president focused on community connections

By Chloe McKeown

Special to the Highlander

In a small, white building at the corner of Dysart Avenue and Mountain Street, a team of more than 100 volunteers and three paid staff strive to manage and organize Haliburton's 100.9 Canoe FM Radio.

After the station's annual general meeting last November, a new president, Tim Hagarty, 71, who runs the station's jazz program, was elected.

Now six months into the position, Hagarty's focus for the station's future is continuity and aiming to be the station's guide for "making sure we get things done."

With today's advanced technology growing exponentially, community-based radio stations like Canoe FM face a burning question and one that Hagarty has already considered with his fellow board members. Where is radio going and how does a radio

station like Canoe FM create a significant presence in its community?

Born in Haliburton, Canoe FM is much more than just a station that plays favourite hits. It showcases a variety of programs, catering to almost any interest. Station manager, Roxanne Casey, says the station is, "here for everybody."

Hagarty and Casey agree that Canoe FM faces a major challenge as a community-based radio station working to become a part of the fabric that stitches the Haliburton community together.

While competing with popular brands like iHeart radio, Hagarty says that his strategy to champion his goal is, "getting us in your face," among other plans to be involved in events such as the Santa Claus parade and other weekend activities. What sets Canoe FM apart, however, is their attention to local and Canadian artists.

Hagarty describes Canoe FM, as a

"community within a community" and relies heavily on volunteer support, which, according to Casey, is always needed. The station says it is constantly looking for new board members and volunteers, targeting a more diverse volunteer population.

CanoeFM is always seeking new applicants from the Highlands. The process is concise, requires a standard resumé, an interview with the nominating committee and a vote at their annual general meeting. The station invites interested candidates to board meetings, providing insight into how the committee and board run. Contact Hagarty, or Casey, via email or phone or visit the Canoe FM website for further information.

Canoe FM, 739 Mountain St., Box 1125, Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0, T: 705-457-1009, F: 705-457-9522; canoeadmin@bellnet.ca; canoe.fm



Tim Hagarty, the new president of CanoeFM, says "making sure we get things done" is top of his list. Submitted photo.

Highlander sports



A group of 16 bicyclists participated in the first ride of the season for the Haliburton Real Easy Ryders Cycling Club April 30. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

Haliburton Real Easy Ryders roll into summer season

By Joseph Quigley

With a group 16-bicyclists strong, the Haliburton Real Easy Ryders Cycling Club kicked off from the West Guilford Community Centre April 30.

The ride was the first of the season for the club, which has travelled along the many roads and trails in the county since 1998. The club rides together every Tuesday and Friday from May until October.

Recent retiree Russ Duhaime joined the club just before its first ride this year and said it is cool to travel with a group of

people who share his passion for the sport.

"I love the way it de-stresses me," Duhaime said of cycling. "Whatever problems you have in the world, they go away 20 minutes into a bike ride. People talk about meditation and mindfulness and that all comes naturally through biking."

President Robin Bell said the club's membership is very strong. With more than 70 people registered, the club expects to expand to more than 100 people come the summer.

The club welcomes all adults but its average age is in the mid-60s, Bell said. He

added cycling is a good way for seniors to keep active.

"It does exercise the big muscles for the legs, it exercises the lungs, the heart. You can go at your own speed," Bell said.

But the club is more than about riding bikes. Bell said it is a social experience, with members stopping at the same places to talk, eat and enjoy good company.

Carolyn Langdon said there are always people you can find to go at your speed. "You make friends in the club," she said.

"You can either go for endurance, you can go for speed or you can just choose

any type of group that you like within the spectrum."

"Some people just go on their bike and go hell-bent," rider Joan Stoner said. "Some of us just wander around and look at the scenery and love it. It's a camaraderie."

With the season getting started, Langdon said she is glad to hit the trails on her bike again.

"The icy snow is off the roads," she said. "After a long winter, it's really great to get out."

Information on joining the club is available at haliburtonrealeasyryders.com.

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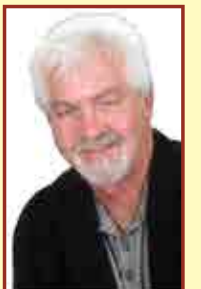


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Chamber releases video to attract workers

Addresses shortage of skilled trades and employees

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce has released a promotional video to strengthen the county's workforce.

The project was funded by the County of Haliburton, and through the province's Rural Economic Development (RED) Program. The chamber worked with a consultant and the county to produce the video and manage the project.

"A shortage of qualified employees is an issue for nearly every Chamber member that I have spoken to. It really hampers business growth," says Andrea Strano, president of the Chamber. "With this video, we are hoping to attract the right kind of talent to the area."

According to research from the Workplace Development Board, by 2021, there will be unfilled positions across the county due to retirements and projected business growth. These positions include: cooks; retail managers and salespeople; registered nurses; nurse aides; landscaping and maintenance labourers; social and community service workers; general office support workers; and carpenters. The county also has fewer young people, with the student population at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School shrinking from 612 to 435 between 2009 and 2016.

"Our county needs more families in order to strengthen our workforce," says Strano.

The concept for the video, which was produced by Amazing Agency, is to market the community by showcasing local industries, community assets like schools



Andy Oh from Maple Avenue Tap & Grill is one of the stars in the Chamber video. Submitted.

and hospitals, and highlight the lifestyle benefits of relocating to the Haliburton Highlands.

The idea is to attract more people to the county to establish small and medium-sized businesses, to work in the trades, healthcare, retail, etc.

The video is available for businesses to use via the Chamber's Youtube or Facebook page. (Lisa Gervais)

Dysart seeks funds to resurface Dignan Road

By Joseph Quigley

Dysart et al is reshuffling its infrastructure programs to use newly-opened grant dollars for resurfacing along Dignan Road.

Council directed staff April 29 to apply for funding for the project through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP), a \$30-billion fund with projects principally funded by upper level governments. Municipalities fund 17 per cent of approved projects.

Director of public works Rob Camelon said resurfacing on the road was put on hold the past couple of years due to a failed culvert. That required a drainage study last year, with plans to install new culverts there this year.

Camelon said the resurfacing would cost anywhere between \$315,000 and \$500,000, depending on the type of treatment used. Camelon proposed to try a more costly option with the grant.

"For 17-cent dollars, I think it's a good opportunity to try it out and see if we can get more than four, five, six, seven years worth of resurfacing," Camelon said.

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The grant application was previously allotted toward reconstructing Maple Avenue between South Street to 1 Sunnyside Street. However, with the Ontario Ministry of Transportation re-opening the Connecting Links Program, council voted to switch and apply for that instead. The program funds up to 90 per cent of eligible project costs but the municipality has not been successful applying for the grant before.

Camelon said with this being the fourth intake of the program, there is reason for optimism in the application. "There are only 77 municipalities in the province that can apply for this,"

he said. "Presumably many of them have received their funding and won't be looked at as favourably as we are."

Camelon said he also considered work on the Pelaw River Bridge for the ICIP funding. But he added it was decided against because even though it is inconvenient, it is "by all means safe."

Coun. Larry Clarke asked which of the projects should have higher priority and Camelon said it is Dignan Road.

"The culvert structure has failed. It needs to be replaced. It's going to be replaced one way or another," he said.

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Employers scout for summer season help

By Joseph Quigley

Haliburton's employers worked to fill job openings ahead of a busy summer season at the Fleming Crew Employment Centre's Job Fair April 25.

The fair's 25 employers spoke with approximately 100 people who attended in pursuit of jobs. The employers came from a variety of sectors, including municipal, tourism, service, and trades.

Fleming Crew employment and training consultant Jillian Diezel said the event was successful and challenged misconceptions about the labour market.

"Sometimes people feel there aren't any jobs available in Haliburton but something like this goes to disprove that," Diezel said. "The turnout from job seekers shows that there are many people out there looking for work."

However, employers spoke about the struggle of finding people available to fill positions. Hawk River Construction landscape manager Adam MacIntosh said his company has tried to fill openings since January.

"It's been quite challenging. It's an employee market right now," MacIntosh said. "We've filled a few positions but we have a few more to fill."

Red Umbrella Inn manager Kirk Neilson said there is always difficulty filling seasonal spots.

"A lot of people will look for something full-time, they'll be looking for something all-year round and we're a seasonal operation," Neilson said.

However, MacIntosh said events like the job fair are welcome ways to help with the labour shortage.

"This fair that Fleming Crew's put on has been seemingly a good success, so I think more stuff like this can be helpful," MacIntosh said.

Job seeker Lisa, who asked her last name be withheld, said the fair was a good one-stop location.

"It makes it a lot easier," she said. "It's very good because you get to know the employers there as people, not just as an employment company."

Diezel said Fleming Crew plans to continue to offer the job fairs on an annual or semi-annual basis.

"There aren't any other real opportunities for employers to meet candidates face-to-face outside of an interview," she said. "We are looking forward to doing these ... to continue providing the public with the opportunity."



Top: Lindsay Jowett and Kinga Baricz from Compass Early Learning and Care sought prospective employees at the Fleming Crew Employment Centre's job fair April 25. Bottom: Red Umbrella Inn manager Kirk Neilson and front desk clerk Lindsay McIntosh were one of 25 employers Photos by Joseph Quigley.

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Top: The colour poster and black and white poster winners of 2018. Left: The legion zone and legion district winners of 2018. Poem and essay winners of 2018. Photos by Hannah Sadlier.

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Taking it back to the psychedelic years

Fringe, bell bottoms, GoGo boots and afros. For a night, Canoe FM took a trip back to the 60s and 70s at their Psychedelica dance. It was a night of roast beef dinners, prizes galore, and amazing music, with all the night's proceeds going towards Canoe FM. (Hannah Sadlier)

Left: Andi Rodger and Cathy Whittaker show that their GoGo boots were made for walking. Right: Another successful Psychedelic dinner and dance fundraiser, put on by 100.9 Canoe FM. Bottom: DJ Ron Murphy was taking requests all night to keep the psychedelic vibes alive. Photos by Hannah Sadlier.



The Trillium Team Royal LePage Lakes of Haliburton and Amanda Rico Yoga have teamed up to offer yoga classes Wednesday mornings in the loft of the Village barn in Haliburton, from 7:30-8:30am. Admission is by donation with all proceeds going to local charities.

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JDH students pitch in at park

Grade 8 students from J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School cleaned up garbage along Head Lake April 30 for Earth Day. The Rotary Club of Haliburton was there to help and offer lunch. "It's just a great chance to partner with a community organization and show the kids how valuable citizenship is," teacher Mike Gervais said. *Photo by Joseph Quigley.*



Celebrating Earth Day by cleaning up in Gooderham

Even a light, overnight snow didn't stop volunteers from doing their part to clean their community in celebration of Earth Day. The cleanup commenced in Gooderham at 10 a.m., and at noon everyone returned to the community center for coffee, hot chocolate, hot dogs, and fun information about our world and what we can do to ensure that we protect it. "I walk further every year and every year we're getting less trash in every bag. You can see the difference," said Gooderham Community Action Group chair Denise White. She also thanked everyone involved, including Highlands East, which donated all of the equipment and collected the garbage; and the county, which donated reflector vests. *(Hannah Sadlier)*

Left: The Gooderham Community Action Group are grateful for another successful community clean-up day and look forward to all of those who will attend next year. Top right: Liz Case empties a full can of coke that she found while cleaning one of the areas that she was in charge of Saturday morning. Bottom right: The Turtle guardians brought in a few friends, to teach kids how to care for turtles when found on the road and to get everyone excited for the 2019 Turtle Walk. *Photos by Hannah Sadlier.*



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Across

- "My price is negotiable" letters
- "Don't use that ___ with me, young lady!"
- Backwoods types
- Top 40 music for listeners in a rush?
- Sky-lit lobby
- Giving sorts
- Steam in silence
- Music that's dear to a headbanger's heart?
- "Peachy!"
- Bad start?
- Programming language
- "Rosemary's Baby" writer Levin
- Finger-to-lips sound
- Ushered through the entranceway
- T.V. teacher of the Sweathogs
- Scatter seeds anew
- Melancholy music enjoyed by the diapered set?
- Drywall, before mudding
- Taxi's waiting spot
- Workers on a cattle drive
- Lets in on an email thread
- Seen, on the Seine
- "Saw Elba" lead-in, in a palindrome
- Wagering locale: Abbr.
- "___ Kleine Nachtmusik"
- Big band music popular during the World Series?
- Online music store
- "Hmm... lemme think"
- Male meower
- Traditional music for urbanites?
- Prompts a "pee-yew!"
- Funnyman Mort
- Homer's "neighbourino"

Down

- Spanish eye
- Canadian singer ___ Naked
- Slow time, business-wise
- Goodyear buy, to a Brit
- Crude group?

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- "Neither you ___"
- Salts to soak in
- Filling out a bunch of forms, say
- Couple, in gossip-speak
- Most shudder-inducing
- Fluffy critters on Royale ads
- Longtime leader of Indonesia
- Plant in a Zach Galifianakis interview
- Become more laid-back
- Carrier in recent news for turning away girls wearing leggings: Abbr.
- Conservative Campbell
- Flub up
- Take a long look?
- Religious deg.
- "___ Jude"
- Bride's much oohed-over attire
- Behaviour that merits a milk bone
- Banking rival of TD
- La Biche or La Hache
- Vancouver campus: Abbr.
- Something to "champ at"
- Oxygenating device
- Gather from the circumstances
- "Sur le Pont d'___" (French dance song)
- "Agnes of God" extra
- "Look at Me, I'm Sandra ___"
- Sunday dinners, for some
- Cardinals, on scoreboards
- Québécois and other political groups
- Ample, in written slang
- Polly's quacker?
- Sunni rival sect
- "I'm ___ Stupid" (T-shirt slogan)
- Pastoral poem
- Expos div., once
- Gave the go-ahead

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OBITUARIES



Gladys McAfee

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Peacefully surrounded by her family at Highland Crest Seniors Home, Minden on Thursday morning, April 11, 2019, in her 91st year. Beloved wife of William (Bill) McAfee for over 70 years. Loving, devoted mother of Janet (Oakville) and David (Kitchener). Dear sister of Grace. Predeceased by her parents Frances and Edward Beard, sisters Edith and Linda. Also lovingly remembered by her nieces and nephews. Always happy and having fun, Gladys enjoyed many hobbies and interests such as travelling, gardening, knitting, bowling, crafting and hosting many friends and family at home and at the lake. She dedicated her time to helping others and working with special needs children in Oakville and later in Markham, where she started a cooking school at Participation House to prepare young adults for independent living.

Private Celebration of Life & Reception

Cremation has taken place. A private Celebration Of Life will take place at a later date. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation <http://www.hhhs.ca/donate> would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.



Bernard Saunders

(Resident of Haliburton Lake, Ontario)

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital with his family by his side, on Sunday afternoon, April 28, 2019 in his 82nd year. Beloved husband of Joanne Saunders (nee Bloor). Loving father of Marlene (Glenn Vieira) and Brent (Colleen). Fondly remembered by his grandson Matt. Dear brother of Courtney. Predeceased by his brother Robert. Also lovingly remembered by Mary, Glen (Deborah), Lynn and Ashley.

Visitation, Memorial Service & Reception

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Saturday afternoon, May 4, 2019 at 1 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). As expressions of sympathy, donations to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation or West Guilford Baptist Church would be appreciated by the family.



Dorothy Bain

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

It is with deep sadness that the family of life-long Haliburton resident, Dorothy Irene Bain, share the news of her death from cancer at the age of 89 on December 12, 2018. Dorothy was born at home on July 26, 1929 in Donald, Haliburton County, Ontario, the fifth and youngest child of Caleb and Jennie (Mary Jane Bartley) Bannon. She was the last of her generation to go, being predeceased by her brothers Harold, Bob and Jack Bannon and sister Marjorie (Bannon) Watt. She lost her husband of 60 years, Royce Bain, in 2010 and her eldest son Michael in 1994. Dorothy leaves behind her sons, Tim (Jann) and Jamie (Jeanette); grandchildren Michelle, Katheryn (Joe Dowling), Patrick, Kyrstin and Kerynne; and great-grandsons William, Owen and Riley. For a time Dorothy's family would move back and forth from Donald into the Village of Haliburton where the children could receive their schooling and eventually they settled permanently in the village. After a brief stint as a teen working in Peterborough she returned to the village where she continued to live and work the rest of her life. She was employed at the Haliburton Hotel, Deer Lodge and Silver Maple Motel as well as selling Avon for a number of years, travelling to homes all over Haliburton County. Dorothy and Royce showed their adventurous spirits with their travels south into the U.S. and across Canada several times. They went to visit Tim and his family at nine of their twelve postings with the RCMP including the Yukon, managing to explore a bit of Alaska while up that way as well. Although they saw many beautiful parts of this country and loved an extended holiday stay they'd had with Jamie and Jeanette on Vancouver Island, neither Dorothy nor Royce could be enticed to move away from their beloved Haliburton, preferring to grow old with the friends and forests of their youth. When Royce joined the Haliburton and District Lion's Club he and Dorothy enjoyed the Fellowship of that amazing local service organization for over twenty years. Friendships made there have carried on and supported Dorothy through all the years since Royce's passing. In their early retirement years the pair were very active with the Citizens on Patrol, doing their part to help keep their hometown safe for all, and for quite a while after raising her boys Dorothy was also an active member of the Legion Ladies Auxiliary. She was a faithful attendee at the Legion Bingo fundraisers right up until her very recent illness, enjoying the social connections she made there, along with the odd Jackpot! Dorothy rejoiced in knowing that her grandchildren had grown into wonderful, caring adults and that her legacy of hard work and resilience would carry on. She will be remembered for her stubbornness, her affinity for all things purple, her dedication to The Young and the Restless, and her abiding love for wildlife - and in particular the beautiful blue jays, cardinals and always entertaining chickadees that visited her apartment balcony daily. Mom - Nana - Grandma - Aunt - Friend ... you will be missed.

Graveside Service & Reception

A Graveside Service will take place at EVERGREEN CEMETERY on Friday May 3, 2018 at 2 o'clock. Reception to follow in The Community Room. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation - Palliative Care Unit would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.



IN LOVING MEMORY Daisy Downs



May 22, 1949 - April 25, 2019

On Thursday April 25th Daisy Downs passed away suddenly surrounded by her family and friends. Daisy will be missed by her husband Ray of 50 years, children; Tricia (Colin) and Cheryl. Grandchildren; Tiffany (Josh), David (Michelle), Eliesha (Jon), Maxi, Tess. Great grand children; Kianna, Mya and Elijah. Daisy was pre-deceased by her parents, John and Nancy Gayton and her brother John Gayton.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday May 11th at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 19 Invergordon Ave., Minden. In lieu of flowers, donations would be appreciated to; St. Paul's Anglican Church, Haliburton Highlands Health Services, Walkabout Farm Therapeutic Riding Association Inc.

THANK YOU

Thank You MOE RICKETTS 1937 - 2019

Thank you to everyone for all your thoughts, cards, prayers, and food. There are too many friends to list here. Your support has helped me a lot at this time. Now I know why Moe loved living in Haliburton. The Celebration of Life for Moe will be small, just for family. His nieces and nephews all have wonderful memories of him here.

~Chris

EVENTS

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The Salary Range for this position is \$62,498 - \$73,546.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Minimum of five (5) years' relevant progressive experience in municipal facilities, parks and cemeteries.
- Possession of, or ability to obtain, Facility Management and Administration certificates through Parks Recreation Ontario, Ontario Parks Association and/or Ontario Recreation Facilities Association, specifically; Certified Ice Technician (CIT), Certified Grounds Technician (CGT), Certified Building Technician (CGT) and Cemetery Operations and Management.
- Certification or training in Chainsaw Safety and Operation, Traffic Control, Working at Heights, Propane Safety and Handling and Smart Serve.
- Valid Standard First Aid and CPR/AED certification.
- Valid "D" Driver's Licence for the province of Ontario.
- Experience in the operation of; ice resurfacer, backhoe, single axle truck and trailering equipment.
- Thorough knowledge of equipment, vehicles and materials used in Municipal facilities, parks and cemeteries and maintenance procedures.
- Good understanding of policies, procedures, by-laws, Ministry guidelines, regulations and legislation related to the operation of facilities, parks, cemeteries, equipment and maintenance.
- Good understanding and experience with Microsoft Office Software programs.
- Strong planning/time management and organizational skills.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Post-secondary education in the field of Recreation, Facilities and/or Parks, or a related discipline.
- Minimum of three (3) years' supervisory experience in a unionized environment.
- Certificates or training in Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical and HVAC, Playground Inspector, Turf Management, Horticulture, Arboriculture and WHMIS.
- Familiarity with Facility Scheduling, Radio Communications/Global Positioning System (GPS) and Cemetery software.

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This is an open call for applications until the position has been filled. Qualified applicants are invited to submit a letter of application together with a detailed resume of education and experience to:

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Haliburton Highlands Health Services Now Seeking Community Representative for Board Quality Committee

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) is seeking a community-minded individual to serve on the Quality Committee of the Board of Directors. HHHS operates facilities in Minden and Haliburton, providing hospital (emergency services, acute care, and palliative), long-term care, and a wide variety of community programs.

The Quality Committee of the Board is responsible for:

- Assisting the Board in the performance of its governance role in the quality of patient, resident, and client care and services;
- Overseeing the development of the organization's annual Quality Improvement Plan, and regularly monitoring progress on the indicators included in the plan;
- Promoting a culture of excellence and accountability throughout HHHS for clinical services and human resources;
- Overseeing organizational structure, implementation, and efficacy of strategies in these areas; and
- Performing additional functions as required under the Excellent Care for All Act, 2010.

The HHHS Board strives to bring together a group of individuals with knowledge of the community; all property owners and tenants in Haliburton County who have been patients or family members of patients of HHHS are welcome to apply. The Committee generally meets on Monday mornings, six times per year between September and June.

If you are interested in assisting us as we continue to deliver high-quality care and services to our communities, we would like to hear from you by **June 7, 2019**.

For further information and an application package, please contact Carolyn Plummer via email at cplummer@hhhs.ca or by phone at (705) 457-2527.



Township of Algonquin Highlands Public Works Department Employment Opportunity Full Time Maintenance Worker

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is looking for a full time Maintenance Worker (Stanhope Yard) with equipment and building repair experience to assist with all aspects of municipal summer and winter maintenance programs.

A detailed job description is available online at www.algonquinhighlands.ca

The Township of Algonquin Highlands offers a friendly and busy work environment. Interested parties are invited to submit their resumes to the address below no later than 3:00 p.m. local time on **May 21, 2019**.

Township of Algonquin Highlands
1123 North Shore Rd.
Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1
ATT: Mr. Adam Thorn
Operations Manager
Email: athorn@algonquinhighlands.ca

We thank all applicants and advise that only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

This personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act and will be used to determine eligibility for potential employment.

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What's on



The 2018 Hike for Hospice begins from the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. This year's event kicks off from Head Lake Park on Sunday. *File.*

Hike for hospice hits trails this weekend

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, in collaboration with HHHS Community Support Services, is hosting Hike for Hospice this Sunday, May 5.

Participants will gather at Head Lake Park at noon for registration. Hike activities begin at 1 p.m.

HHHS Foundation executive-director Lisa Tompkins said Haliburton Hike for Hospice is a national fundraising event, co-ordinated through the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association, as part of National Hospice Palliative Care Week (May 5 – 11).

She said it's aimed at raising awareness and funds, which stay with the local community.

"The event reinforces HHHS' ongoing commitment to

the hospice and palliative programs in hospital and in the community, as well as grief support programs, and it provides a medium for family, friends, as well as staff and volunteers to celebrate the lives of palliative patients," Tompkins said.

She said participants can register as an individual or team, and walk 1km or up to 5km. There will be a variety of information displays and opportunities to commemorate loved ones.

Prizes will be awarded for most funds raised by an individual, and by a team. The event is pet friendly – so participants are encouraged to bring their dog along for the walk – there are even treats and prizes for them.

For more information, and to register contact the HHHS Foundation 705-457-1580 or hhhs.ca/foundation

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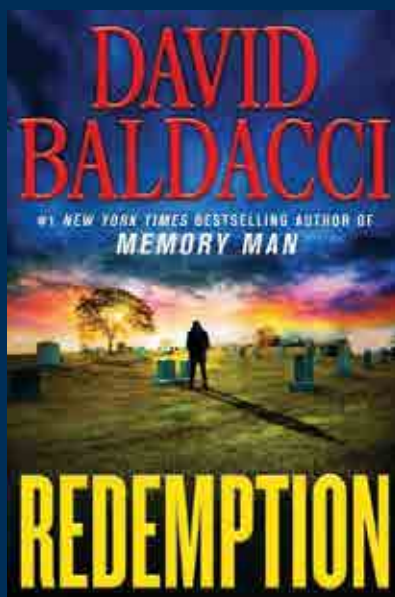
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Hot Reads

The following are popular new additions to the Haliburton County Public Library's collection.

1. Redemption by David Baldacci
2. Normal People by Sally Rooney
3. The Secret Orphan by Glynis Peters
4. See You in the Piazza: New Places to Discover in Italy by Frances Mayes
5. The Path to Wild Food: Edible Plants and Recipes for Canada by Sandra Walker



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What's on

MAY 2019 • EVENT LISTINGS

April 9 – June 25 – Free Falls Prevention Course for Seniors.

Registration required. Contact HHHS Community Support Services at 705-457-2941, or email info@hhhs.ca. Running Tuesdays and Thursdays in Haliburton (11 a.m. – noon, Lakeside Church), Wilberforce (1 – 2 p.m., Keith Tallman Arena) and Minden (10 – 11 a.m., Fireside Lounge, Hyland Crest).

May 2 – 4

St. Anthony of Padua Church is hosting a Holy Spirit retreat for the community, an opportunity to reflect on the gifts and the fruits of the spirit in our lives. Join us for discussions, prayer, a pot luck dinner following Saturday mass, speakers, presentations and a play presented by Sister Nancy Murray. Contact Jean Schicklin-Tyler 705-457-2214.

Thursday May 2

7 p.m. – Sr. Nancy Murray OP, performs a one-woman play on Sr. Dorothy Stang, missionary of Brazil. Takes place at Lakeside Church, 9 Park St., Haliburton. Suggested donation \$10 at the door.

7 – 8:30 p.m. – Storytelling Gathering, at Canoe FM Radio Hall, Haliburton. Interested in telling and/or hearing stories, or perhaps learning how to tell a story? Join us at the inaugural meeting of a storytelling group forming in Haliburton. Jim Blake and Fay Wilkinson will kick off the event with a story or two, you are invited to bring a story too if you wish.

For more info call Bob at 705-457-8617.

May 3 & 4

TraX4 Breast Cancer ATV Ride, at Pinestone Resort Haliburton. Benefiting the Kelly Shires Breast Cancer Foundation, this Co-ed ATV Event is spread out over two days of fun riding! Please visit our website to register and obtain more information. <http://www.traX4bc.com>

Saturday May 4

12:30 p.m. – Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary “Hats Galore” Tea & Luncheon, at Haliburton Legion. Doors open 12:30 p.m., lunch served at 1 p.m. Loonie auction, loads of fun. Tickets \$15, available at Haliburton Hospital Gift Shop 11:30 – 4 p.m. Mon-Fri.

2 – 5 p.m. – Gord Kidd & Friends, featuring Don Stiver and his steel guitar, at the Minden Legion. Light lunch available from noon – 2 p.m., meat draw 1 p.m. No cover charge.

Sunday May 5

Noon – Hike for Hospice, Head Lake Park, Haliburton. This is a national fundraising event coordinated through the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association. Registration is at noon, with hike activities beginning at 1 p.m. For more info and to register, call 705-457-1580 or see hhhs.ca/foundation.

1 – 3 p.m. – Buttons, Bracelets & Beads - Visible Voices Studio invites you to our second Creative Interlude of the season. Kyla will introduce you to the heritage art of crochet. Bring along an interested friend or young person interested in learning about

this enduring craft. Admission by donation. More info and registration at visiblevoicesstudio.com.

7:30 p.m. – Highlands Festival Singers, directed by Melissa Stephens, are welcoming the warmer weather with “Sure On This Shining Night”. A beautiful evening of song featuring the exquisite music of Morten Lauridsen, with special guests The Highland Brass. Taking place at Highland Hills United Church, 21 Newcastle St., Minden. Tickets \$15, available at Minden Pharmasave and Cranberry Cottage Haliburton.

Tuesday May 7

Noon – 2 p.m. – Cook it Up! FREE three-course lunch, at Molly's Bistro Bakery, Minden. Cook it Up is a training program that helps participants to gain skills in the food services industry. Lunches take place every Tuesday from March 12th – May 7th.

Thursday May 9

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Social Recreation Program for Seniors, Free drop-in at Wilberforce Legion, 1007 Burleigh Rd. Join us for colouring, board games, tech time & makers space, light fitness, and guest speaker Beth Archibald – advanced care planning. Call 705-457-2941 x 2922 for more info.

Friday May 10

9 a.m. – noon – Social Recreation drop in program for seniors, at, Minden United Church. Join us for walking club, colouring, mindfulness, tech time & makers space, light fitness. Call 705-457-2941 x 2922 for more info.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

HALIBURTON BRANCH

Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1 p.m.

Tuesdays: Tuesday night dart league starting at 7 p.m.

Wednesdays: Bid euchre, 1 p.m. start, Bingo starts at 7 p.m. - \$500 jackpot, \$1000 Jackpot - last Wednesday of the month.

Thursdays: General meeting, third Thursday of the month, March through December starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend and ladies auxiliary, last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

Fridays: Cribbage, 1 p.m. start, meat draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets are \$2 per draw ... Chester Howse, MC, Friday fun darts – 4:30 p.m. onwards.

Saturdays: 50/50 Draw, 4 p.m. draw-tickets are \$1 each available from noon onwards.

Sundays: Breakfast, second Sunday of the month – 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., \$6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.

Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at 705-457-2571, email rcl129@bellnet.ca or visit haliburtonlegion.com Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129. Everyone is welcome.

MINDEN BRANCH

Monday- every second week rug hooking; **Tuesday** - seniors art classes 10 a.m., bid euchre 1 p.m.;

Wednesday, meat draw noon;

Thursday - mixed darts and euchre 7 p.m.; **Friday**

- 7 p.m. mixed darts; **Saturday** - meat draw 1 p.m.;

Sunday - sports day noon. Lunches every Mon.- Fri with Friday featuring fish and chips and chicken wings also served 5-7 p.m. Take-out available. Everyone welcome.

WILBERFORCE BRANCH

Friday Pool 1:30 p.m. Ham & Scalloped Dinner 5-7 p.m., Jam Session 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Saturday Meat Draw 2-5 p.m. - Early Bird 3 p.m. sharp

Sunday Open 1-6 p.m.

Monday Bid Euchre 7 p.m.

Wednesday Fun Darts 7:30 p.m.

Thursday HHHS Sr. Drop in Recreation 10 a.m. -2 p.m.

If you are planning an event, book with the Legion – Our L.A. do an excellent job of catering. Call the branch to arrange 705-448-2221

Upcoming events- Saturday May 18, Mac Hughes Horseshoe Tournament – registration 10 a.m. -12 p.m. Play 12:30 p.m. \$15 per player – cash prizes 1st, 2nd and 3rd



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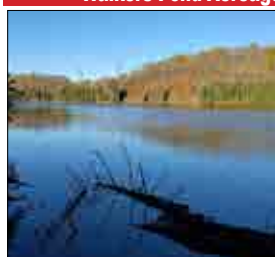
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Walkers Pond Acreage - \$359,000



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Otter Lake Acreage- \$379,000



Carnarvon area off Tulip road - 190.368 acres of bush and privacy on Otter Lake. Be one of only 2 owners on the lake. A third parcel is crown land. A long, well maintained road takes you right to the waterfront. Snowmobile and ATV trails are just down the road. An outdoor enthusiasts dream!

Gull River - \$449,000



NOW IS THE TIME! Bring an offer on this unique property full of options. 6 individual units give each of your extended family their own privacy. 8 bathrooms, 6 wood fireplaces, 5 jet tubs, private entrances, huge kitchen for entertaining, all sitting on the Gull River so you can boat into town or into beautiful Gull Lake. Loads of parking.

Horseshoe Lake - \$699,000



Located on beautiful Horseshoe Lake are 2 cottages and a cabin. Main cottage is year-round, offers 3 bedrooms, 3 baths and an inlaw suite. Cottage #2 is a 3 bdrm. seasonal cottage with stone fireplace and a fully renovated kitchen and bathroom. The one room cabin has a kitchenette and 3pc washroom. Sand beach. Southeastern exposure, gorgeous views, and access to a popular 2-lake chain

Soyers Lake - \$999,999



Southern exposure, 135 ft. of clean rock and sand shoreline, located on a 5-lake chain! Sunlight pours into the livingroom with cathedral ceiling. Open-concept kitchen and dining The Master Bedroom has a balcony, walk-in closet Ensuite. There is a finished rec room plus an unfinished games room, storage area and workshop downstairs Great privacy from the lake, and minutes to either Haliburton or Minden.

Minden Hills Acreage- \$165,900



Two deeded properties being sold together. The one building lot is two and half acres and the other lot is 90 acres. Year round road. Small creek, ponds, marshes and trails. Ideal property for your year round home, getaway vacation cottage or small business venture.

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Waterfront In-Town Home \$259,000



A well-maintained 2 bdrm home on the Gull River- walk to the town of Minden or boat or float to Gull Lake! A beautiful setting, great views of the river. The house is filled with light and offers western exposure. A large kitchen/ dining area with walk-out to deck, a spacious living room, and a great covered porch to enjoy the view. Complete with a cute bunkie, two storage sheds and a carport.

Highway 118 Acreage- \$49,000



24 acres located just outside of West Guilford on a main highway. Great location for your recreational retreat or new home. 10 minutes to Haliburton. Well treed mixed bush with a rough driveway into the property. Hydro at lot line. Sale includes a one-acre piece across the road

Bushwolf Lake Acreage - \$1,299,000



700 acres with frontage touching two lakes. 9,826 ft of frontage on Bushwolf Lake, one half of the lake is yours, with a few cottages on the other side. Seasonal access on a rugged road. The back section of the acreage has frontage on Little Art Lake. Snowmobile, ATV, Hunt, Fish, Snowshoe or Ski.

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\$489,900 PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP



- 4+2 Bedroom, 1.5 Bathroom, 4 Season Home/Cottage
- Private Treed Lot off Year Round Municipal Cul-De-Sac
- Landscaped Yard, Ample Parking, Frontage on 2 Lake Chain

\$469,900 SPECTACULAR BEACH



- Charming, Well Maintained, Spacious 2 Bedroom, 4 Season "Turn Key" Cottage
- Private Level 0.5 Ac Lot, 187 Ft of "Child Safe" Golden Sand Rippled Shoreline Steps From Cottage

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- 120 Ft Frontage with Clean Sand Shoreline
- Full Partially Finished Lower Level Walkout

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- Private Level Lot with 246 Feet Shoreline
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